

sealable layer (l) laminated to a substrate, said multi-ply heat-sealable layer (l) consisting of:

an outer ply (b) having a melt flow rate (MFR), as determined in accordance with DIN ISO 1133 at 190°C and 2.16 kg, of at least 0.1 g/10 min., and comprising an outer ply polymeric resin; and

at least one inner ply (i), each inner ply (i) having an MFR, as determined in accordance with DIN ISO 1133 at 190°C and 2.16 kg, that is greater than the MFR of said outer ply (b), and comprising an inner ply polymeric resin, said at least one inner ply (i) being between said outer ply (b) and said substrate wherein the weight per unit area of said inner ply (i) is at least 40% of the weight per unit area of said multi-ply laminate (l).

Claim 25, please cancel.

Claim 26 (Three-times amended). The multi-ply laminate of claim 31, wherein said substrate is selected from the group consisting of metal, cardboard, paper, paperboard, textile, non-woven fabric, plastic and composites thereof, said plastic being other than said outer ply polymer resin and said inner ply polymer resin.

#### REMARKS

This application pertains to a novel multi-ply laminate having a heat sealable layer, which provides elevated seam strength immediately after heat sealing and rapid, hermetic heat sealing without the formation of channels in the seam.

Claims 1-10, 12-24 and 26-31 are pending; claim 25 being canceled by this